Employment on compassionate ground to the dependents of deceased employees

3419. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of employees of Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Surat, who expired during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 30th June, 1987 alongwith the date of expiry of each;

(b) whether as per rules the dependents of deceased employees can be given appointment in ONGC on Compassionate grounds in accordance with the instructions contained in O.M. No. 14034|1|77-Estt. (D) dated 25th November, 1978 of the then Department of Personnel & A.R. (M|O Home Affairs);

(c) if so, the names of the deceased whose dependents have not so far been provided with a job in O.N.G.C.;

(d) what are the reasons for not providing a job in each case; and

(e) by when ONGC will provide suitable jobs to such dependents of deceased employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Only one employee of Oil & Natural Gas Commission, Surat, namely, Shri Anjan Chakraborty, Asstt. Executive Engineer (Production) expired on 8-5-86, *i.e.* during the period 1-1-1986 to 30-6-87.

(b) O.M. No. 14034|1|77-Estt(D) dated 25-11-78 applies to only Ministries and Deptts. of Govt. of India.

ONGC has a scheme for providing employment/rehabilitation assistance to the dependents of deceased employees who have put in at least 10 years' service on the date of death.

(c) to (e) Since Shri Anjan Chakraborty completed hardly six months' service on the date of his death and did not leave any eligible dependents behind, no compassionate employment has been given in his case.

Bursting of LPG Cylinders

3420. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ADN NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of bursting of L.P.G. cylinders in the country (Statewise) during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 31st March, 1987;

(b) what were the causes for these bursts;

(c) whether any compensation was given to those who died or were injured due to L.P.G. cylinder bursts;

(d) if so, the total amount given as compensation; and

(e) what other remedial steps Government propose to take to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) During the period from the 1st January, 1986 to the 31st March, 1987, there were 4 cases of bursting of LPG cylinders, three in Maharashtra and one in Tamil Nadu;

(b) In three cases the fire was caused by leakage of LPG, and in one case, the thatched shed caught fire due to a lighted bidi and the cylinders inside was trapped in the fire. In all the cases, the cylinders got heated in the fire caused burst, there were no casulties in these cases.

(c) and (d) All LPG distributors in the country hold a scheme covering third party risk insurance in respect of their consumers. Claims relating to LPG accidents are settled between the consumer, the distributor and the insurance company directly. No records are maintained by the Oil industry;